GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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FUNDS TO STATES UNDER RURAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES
RUPCHAND MURMU

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether States performing poorly are getting away with large Central funds even thoughthey are not able to respond to Centre the assistance with their own matching grants;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the poverty indicators show further deterioration in these States;

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(e) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to rectify the anomaly?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a)&(b); In case States fail to contribute their share, an amount corresponding to the shortfall is deducted by the Ministry of Rural Development from the Central funds at the time of release of subsequent installment.

(c) to (e): The percentage of rural poor in the country has been estimated to have declined to 27.07% in 1999-2000 from 37.27% in the year 1993-94.